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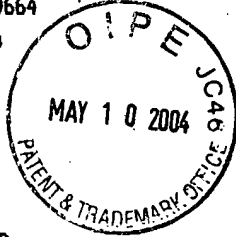
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TITLE OF INVENTION: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL PROBE HAVING CANTILEVER AND PROBE FORMED OF TRANSPARENT MATERIAL, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL PROBE, AND OPTICAL APPARATUS HAVING NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL PROBE

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